

## **AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

**December 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 am by Chairman Randy Mealhow at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Randy Mealhow, Mike Holmes, April Maynard, Aloha Baumgarten, Joyce Silva, Lee Buckingham, Rob Turner and Judi Lardner.

A quorum was established and the November 8 Minutes accepted as written.

**Public Comment:** Kaitlin Kahn and Lisa Canfield were welcomed to the meeting. Kaitlin said she is interested in helping with the arts festival. Nancy Hakala introduced herself. She is a local artist, primarily a muralist, is involved with the Old Town Gallery, and is interested in the opening on the AAC. Mike said that people in the community have been commenting on the excitement generated by the AAC lately.

**Mural projects:** Rob announced that the final approvals for the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural have been obtained and work will begin on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Rob distributed and explained a schedule that outlines the work involved. He said that AAC members would be needed to supervise the process. He will email the specific dates needing coverage as the work progresses. Rob also announced that between a private donation and the generosity of Warehouse Paint, all the paint has been donated. Rob reviewed the volunteer release form and said that all AAC members should fill one out. No one will be allowed to work on the mural without signing a release. Rob hopes that the mural is finished by the end of January but acknowledged that the schedule is dependent on favorable weather. Rob and Randy will work together to establish specific dates for the different project phases. Mike asked that the dates be given to Bob Richardson and Bernie Schroeder as soon as they are determined.

**Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center:** Mike announced that a special event to thank donors has been scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**UAIC Art for Central Square:** Mike said that he spoke with Douglas Van Howd and learned that his sculpture is complete. The City is waiting to hear from the UAIC about some remaining legal/contractual issues. He hopes that the sculpture can be installed early next year.

**Airport Monument:** Mike showed a photo of a model for the airport monument done by Douglas Van Howd. The sculpture features Bud Anderson and his airplane. The new design will be reviewed by the airport advisory commission and will then come back to the AAC for our approval before final approval by the Council.

**9/11 Memorial:** Mike said that he spoke with J. Randall recently about the memorial, which hasn't been completed yet.

**Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Gallery Show:** Judi and Aloha described the plans for the juried show and said that Council approval will be necessary if an entry fee is collected or cash prizes awarded. Judi said that we should seek a go-ahead from the Council at its January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, so the AAC needs to finalize details of the show. Mike said that an event is already planned for the Rose Room at City Hall on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the actual date of the centennial.

A discussion ensued about the dates for submission of entries, the length of the show, dollar amounts for the entry fee and awards, and who should judge the show. Randy moved (April seconded) that the show hang from March 19<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>; that the submitted work be juried the weekend of March 17-18; that the AAC collect a \$15 entry fee and award prizes in the amounts of \$75, \$50, and \$25; and that there be no size limitation put on the art submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Aloha and Judi will present the request at the January 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Mural Projects (con't):** Randy said he recently met with Bob Richardson, who asked the AAC to get moving on the Dawson tanks mural issue. Randy asked Nancy Hakala if she would be interested in assessing the condition of the mural. She said she would look into it.

**Music/Art Festival:** Joyce described her vision for the festival and said that Bob Richardson recommended the AAC seek the Council's endorsement at one of its January meetings. A discussion ensued about festival planning, the types of entertainment to feature, food and wine vendors, usable space in the park, and task breakdown and work assignments. Joyce asked that the AAC decide on a name for the festival so that publicity efforts can proceed. After a discussion, it was unanimously decided to call the event "Auburn Arts in the Park." Since time was running short, a special meeting was scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am to develop a plan and a budget to present to the Council at its January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**AAC officers for 2012:** After a brief discussion, the AAC unanimously agreed to reappoint Randy as Chairman, Lee as Vice Chairman, and Judi as Secretary for the upcoming year.

**Public Art Loan Program update:** Judi briefly mentioned her meeting with local sculptor Jennifer Johnson, who suggested that one of her sculptures be temporarily displayed in Central Square. Randy said that he spoke with Bob Richardson about the idea. Randy suggested that he and one or two other AAC members should go view the sculpture. He will schedule a date and email members.

**Goal setting:** This item will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting will be on January 10, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Judi Lardner, Secretary